

Amos Kendall to Andrew Jackson, September 12, 1833, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

AMOS KENDALL TO JACKSON.

Washington, September 12, 1833.

Dear Sir, Major Lewis has shewn me Mr. Bennett's¹ letter to you and the draft of your reply. If the man be not mad, it is but a new fetch to produce delay in the pending question. The idea of charging any one with conspiracy against the Cabinet when all the difficulties in which some of its members are placed, result exclusively from the attitude *in which they have placed themselves* upon a single question of policy, is so ridiculous that it needs no refutation. It must be shown that *I have power over their will*, before it can appear that I have had any agency in placing them in their present position.

¹ James Gordon Bennett, editor. He had passed through many experiences in new journalism and had reached the position of assistant editor of the *Courier and Enquirer*, the leading paper in the city, when he felt it necessary to resign because the editor-in-chief, James Watson Webb, opposed Jackson's bank policy. He then became editor of the *Pennsylvanian*, published in Philadelphia. On May 6, 1835, he began to publish the *New York Herald*, which made him famous.

I thank you most sincerely for your confidence in me, and beg that you will not, at this crisis, permit this incident to distress you in the least. If any proofs come, I shall be ready to meet them; but they will never come, unless subordination² be added to the other crimes of the Bank. What never existed can be proved by no other means. The whole will

Library of Congress

end in showing still further to what lengths the Bank will go and what instruments it will employ.

2 Subornation.

With the highest respect,